

Response to Office Action dated July 16, 2008

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**IN THE CLAIMS:**

**Please cancel claims 8, 9, 14-16 and amend claim 1-7, 10, 12 and 13 as follows:**

1. (Currently Amended) A joint for a panel, the joint comprising a first edge and a second edge whereby the first edge comprises a groove and the second edge is provided with a tongue wherein the second edge further comprises an upper side groove, [[that]] and a joining profile, the joining profile is provided with a tongue and an intermediate section, the joining profile being so configured so as to allow~~[[ing]]~~ it to be located in the upper portion of the joint between two, joined, adjacent panels.

2. (Currently Amended) ~~[[A]] The joint for a panel according to claim 1, the joint comprising a first edge and a second edge whereby the first edge comprises a groove and the second edge is provided with a tongue wherein the first edge further comprises an upper side groove and the second edge comprises an upper side groove, that a~~ and the joining profile is further provided with a first and second snapping tongue ~~and an intermediate section~~, the joining profile being so configured so as to allow~~[[ing]]~~ the first and second snapping tongue to be fitted into upper side grooves of two, joined, adjacent panels.

3. (Currently Amended) ~~[[A]] The joint according to claim 2 wherein the joint further comprises the mating surfaces~~[[that]] wherein the joining profile and the upper sides grooves are so configured that a play is created in the joint between the mating surfaces

4. (Currently Amended) ~~[[A]] The joint according to claim 3 wherein the play is in the range 0.05 - 1 mm.~~